

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), the ranking female member on the House Armed Services Committee, today issued the following statement regarding her support for H.Con.Res 248, which would mandate the withdrawal of all U.S. troops by the end of 2010:

“My vote today, is consistent with my opposition to the recent troop surge and reflects my belief that our current efforts in Afghanistan are ineffective, and that our troops and resources could be more effectively deployed elsewhere. It’s time for us to redirect our focus back home, where numerous challenges continue to burden families in my district and across the country. In good conscience, I cannot continue to support an expensive, protracted military conflict at a time when my district has double digit unemployment, skyrocketing foreclosure rates, and other issues that affect the quality of life of the people I represent.”

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